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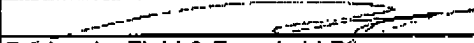
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Sir:

In response to the FINAL REJECTION date July 27, 2001, please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

(Amended) An array comprising at least one pattern of probe oligonucleotide spots attached to a surface of a solid support, wherein each probe oligonucleotide spot consists of a mixture of a plurality of 2 or more unique oligonucleotides of different sequence each attached to said surface of said solid support that hybridize to the same target nucleic acid to produce a complex made up of said target nucleic acid and 2 or more unique oligonucleotides.

57. (Amended) An array comprising a pattern of probe oligonucleotide spots, wherein each probe oligonucleotide spot comprises an oligonucleotide probe composition consisting of a mixture of 3 to 50 unique oligonucleotides of different sequence and from about 15 to 150 nucleotides in length that are each attached to a surface of a solid support and hybridize to a different region of the same target nucleic acid to produce a complex made up of said target nucleic acid and 3 or more unique oligonucleotides.

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